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SUBJECT: U.S. EXPERT FOR THIRD SESSION OF UN GROUP OF GOVERNMENTAL EXPERTS (GGE) ON AMMUNITION IN SURPLUS

REF: A. STATE 2684

[B. LANOUETTE-OZDEMIR E-MAIL \(6/30/08\)](#)

ACCREDITATION AND MISSION CLEARANCE

¶1. This is an action request. Please see paragraph 3.

¶2. In its October 29 note verbale, the UN Office of Disarmament Affairs (ODA) invited the U.S. to nominate an expert to participate in the work of the 2008 Group of Governmental Experts to consider further steps to enhance cooperation with regard to the issue of conventional ammunition in surplus pursuant to UNGA resolution 61/72. Mr. Steven Costner, Deputy Director of the State Department's Office of Weapons Removal and Abatement in the Bureau of Political-Military Affairs (PM/WRA) served as the U.S. Expert for the first session January 14-18 in Geneva and for the second session March 31 - April 4 in New York (ref A). The third session will be held July 7-11 in New York.

¶3. Action requests:

-- Mission is requested to inform appropriate ODA officials that Mr. Costner will serve as the U.S. expert for the third GGE session. As during the first and second sessions, Mr. Costner will be accompanied by William Kullman, Executive Assistant to the Director, Bureau of Alcohol, Firearms, Tobacco, and Explosives.

-- Mission is requested to grant mission clearance (see para 4 and para 5 for details) for Mr. Costner and Mr. Kullman.

-- Mission is requested to assist Mr. Costner and Mr. Kullman obtain UN badges and provide Mr. Costner with classified and unclassified computer access (ref B).

¶4. Mr. Costner's travel information and logistical requests are as follows:

Flight Information: Arrive July 6 at 1814 on US Airways 2180, depart July 11 at 1800 on US Airways 2185.

Hotel Information: 7/6-7/11, Doubletree Metropolitan Hotel, 569 Lexington Avenue, New York, NY 10022.
(Hotel reservations already made.)

¶5. Mr. Kullman's travel information is still pending and will follow in a separate email to the USUN POC.

¶6. The USUN point of contact is Jeffrey Reneau at 212-415-4361. USUN is requested to forward any information related to this GGE to Alexandra Lanouette at LanouetteAA@state.gov, and Steven Costner at CostnerSR@state.gov.

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